

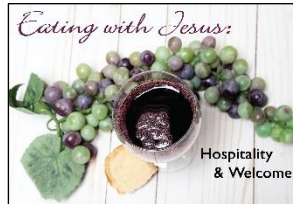


WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration of Worship

July 28, 2024



Centering chimes

Prelude

Call to Worship *(adapted from #870 in Voices Together)*

Leader: We gather in preparation...

People: for good news is about to be proclaimed.

Leader: We gather in expectation...

People: for here God's love is shared.

Leader: We gather in wonderment...

People: for this is a space where we all belong.

Leader: We gather in celebration...

People: for the Gospel feast awaits us.

*Gathering hymn #4 (green song book) "You've Got a Place"

Welcome and prayer

*Praising Hymn #511 "Come On, Children, to the Gospel Feast"

Children's story and offering for Champaign County Habitat for Humanity (cuhabitat.com)

Congregation sings as children come forward (Voices Together #512)

Sending blessing for Taniya Boone

Scripture Luke 14:12-14 & 18:15-17

Reflections

Communion

Hymn #461 "Come to the Table of Grace"

Note: Bring your offering forward as you come forward for communion, or place it in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary as you leave the service.

Congregational Sharing & Prayer (use the mic or text prayers to pastor Michael)

The Lord's Prayer (sung) Hymnal #675

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church (come forward to the podium mic to make an announcement)

*Sending hymn #478 "I Come with Joy"

*Benediction

*Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave the ribbons during the hymns.

We welcome, without exclusion, all who seek God's love and grace...

You are welcome here, inclusive of gender, race, country of origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual identity, socioeconomic status, family status, past imprisonment, education, citizenship status and physical or mental abilities. We encourage you to share in the rituals, fellowship and ministry of this congregation.

Hearing devices (T-coil and over-ear) and a large print hymnal & Bible are available from the greeters.

Childcare (birth – preschool) is provided in the nursery downstairs.

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Fellowship and refreshments in the basement before Sunday school. Please keep drinks in the basement. Snacks for children PreK-Grade School are also available. Parents, please assist your children during snack time. Education opportunities for all ages are held from 11:15am-12pm. Childcare for infants - preschoolers is provided in the nursery.



SUMMER CLASSES THROUGH JULY (No Sunday School during August)

Share Your Passion (a class for all ages): Fellowship Hall, Downstairs

Coffee & Conversation: Room 13, Downstairs

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK (Visit www.fmc-cu.org/events for event details)

TODAY

- Deadline for Aug. Vine submissions

WEDNESDAY

- Service & Outreach Committee (3:30p)

THURSDAY

- Racial Justice Working Group-hybrid (1p)

FRIDAY

- Deadline for providing availability for Fall Worship schedule.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Worship (theme: Season of Creation), followed by fellowship. No Sunday school in August.

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS (more announcements in the email sent each Tuesday)

Today:

- **During Sunday school for all ages** – Janet Liechty & Phil Martens will lead sun printing in the fenced yard. They will do an indoor activity if it rains.
- **Deadline for submissions for the August Vine.** Email articles to Cindi Schieber.

Rhonda is out of the office through this Wednesday, July 31. Pastor Michael will be out of the office August 2 – 8.

Next Sunday – We begin a month-long series on Season of Creation. Next Sunday's focus will be "Planet Earth."

We've created a calendar for visiting Tom Anderson, who is at Accolade on Pell St., in Paxton, IL. To schedule a morning or afternoon slot, sign up using the calendar link. Questions? Contact Jan Kellogg.

August 18 – Deadline for our MCC School Kit Challenge Collection. The Service and Outreach Committee invites you to donate items for the Challenge. Copies of the supply list are on the FYI table near the office. Place donations in the collection box near the church office. Questions? Contact Cindi Schieber.

Monday, August 5, from 5-8 pm at the Arthur Community Building (120 E Progress, St. in Arthur, IL) - Ice Cream Social Kick-off for the Arthur Mennonite Relief Sale. Cakes, cobblers and ice cream will be served. Donation for the event help to offset some of the upfront costs of the Arthur Relief Sale, which will be held on August 23 & 24 at the Otto Center, just south of the intersection of Vine St. & Highway 133 in Arthur, IL.

Coming in August:

- Light refreshments & fellowship, but no Sunday school during the month
- Sunday, August 11 during worship – Backpack Blessing for students returning to school.
- Sunday, August 25 after worship – Our annual Safe Church training, followed by a church potluck.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY:

Greeters: Tim Clink & Rosalee Otto

Worship Leader: Cindy Breeze

Song Leader: Rudy Moyer-Litwiller; **Piano:** Pastor Deb

Scripture Reader: David Needham

Children's Story: Annie Crawford & Courtney Malcolm

Reflection: Randy Nelson & Pastor Michael

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton

Audio: Randy Nelson

Visuals: Rea Koehn & Nat Schneider

Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Mary Hines

Stewards: Scott Bidner & Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Rebecca Bare & Laurence Koehn

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 AT FMC:

Season of Creation: Planet Earth

Scripture: Psalm 19 & Psalm 104

Greeters: Tim Clink & Bev Hertle

Worship Leader: Keith Springer

Song Leader: Bev Birkey Potts; **Piano:** Janet MacLean

Children's Story: Tammie Bouseman

Scripture Reader: Karen McKenzie

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Deb

Zoom: John MacLean; **Audio:** Laurence Koehn

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Worship Nursery: Courtney Malcolm & a second person is needed (safe-church cleared)

Stewards: Mary Krick & Greg Sancken

Light Refreshments: Hospitality & Fellowship Committee

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